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OF THE

SELECTMEN OF SPRINGFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1857.



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REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Money paid out for Schooling.

Dist. No. 1,	\$76 75	Dist. No. 9,	\$47 45	
" " 2,	29 01	" " 10,	75 83	
" " 3,	29 22	" " 11,	27 40	
" " 4,	28 16	" " 12,	23 34	
" " 5,	38 19	" " 13,	14 60	
" " 6,	44 29	" " 14,	26 37	
" " 8,	27 61	Boice & Abbot,	5 73	
		Total,		\$493 95

Paid for Expense of Paupers.

Paid Joseph M. Robie for A. Quimby and wife,	100 00
" Mrs. Betsey George and children,	50 00
" Joseph Johnson for Mrs. Muzzey,	39 00
" " " for Margaret Twiss,	44 20
" Simons and Richardson for Mrs. Addison,	63 07
" Sargent Heath for Mrs. Paige,	42 36
" R. Kidder for Biley Hardy and wife for 1855,	151 00
" N. H. Asylum for Rhoda A. Russell,	104 25
" " " Asa Chase, 3d,	31 00
" Jonathan B. Smith for Alvin Sanborn,	71 24
" for the expense of the Joseph Collins family at Stewartstown, and moving down,	346 50
" Joseph Collins for Phebe Collins,	22 00
" R. Osborn for Susannah Stewart for 1855,	10 00
" Enoch Collins for his mother and brother,	25 00
" Dr. V. Manahan for attendance on paupers,	26 31
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	\$1,125 93

Paid for County Paupers.

Paid for William H. Rogers,	15 18
" Stephen Brown,	89 98
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	\$105 16

Division of Minister Money.

Paid Universalist Society for 1854, 1855 and 1856,	\$20 33
" Methodist " " 1856,	4 72
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	\$25 05

Expense on the Division of the Town.

Paid Daniel N. Adams for services and cash paid out as per bill,	\$216 40
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Miscellaneous.

Paid School-house tax in District No. 3,	488 00
" " " " 11,	75 00
" " " " 4,	29 50
" State and county taxes,	435 51
" Daniel N. Adams for services on Jaffrey case and cash paid out,	22 12
" Daniel N. Adams, for collecting taxes and services as Town Clerk,	46 66
" J. C. Nichols for services as Superintending School Committee, and commanding offi- cer of 4th Co.,	33 12
" S. E. Pecker for liquor bought last year,	119 56
" I. D. Richards " " "	20 75
" Barton & Hadley for printing town reports,	17 50
" J. B. Smith for outstanding orders last year,	167 02
" Hepsabeth Richardson for services rendered the Richardson family last year,	33 25
" Fifield Sanborn for making shoes for the Richardson family,	2 25
" H. R. Flanders for damage on account of the road being impassable,	7 66
" Zeno Hunter for the same,	1 00
" at Concord for inventory books, collector's book, surveyor warrants, &c.,	4 27
" Jeremiah Stevens for building bridge,	10 00
" " " labor on Bog Bridge,	6 00
" the Teachers' Institute,	14 82

Sent to the Selectmen of Stewartstown by express,	81 41
Paid O. C. Howard expenses in carrying Asa Chase, 3d, to Asylum,	8 25
" Gilman Sawyer for plank and labor on road,	1 00
" Francis Stevens for going after pauper,	1 00
" Samuel Currier, 2d, for labor on Perley road,	5 00
" Auditors for their services,	3 00
" William E. Melendy for borrowed money,	274 21
" William D. Colby for labor on road, plank and putting up guide-boards,	14 00
" Thomas Eastman for labor on road,	2 00
" Samuel Quimby for services on pauper cate and cutting ice in road,	1 75
" O. C. Howard for timber, plank and labor on road,	6 38
" William E. Mellendy for labor on turnpike,	8 25
" R. F. Sanborn for Josiah Johnson highway tax,	2 21
" Otis Howard for pew in Old Meeting-House,	1 00
" Benjamin Colby for breaking road on Colby hill,	5 00
" John Wiggin for damage to horse,	5 00
" Lyman Whipple for breaking roads,	3 00
" William P. Smith for building bridge near Stocker's and breaking roads,	29 50
" Michael Davis for labor and plank on road,	4 19
" Sargent Heath for labor on road,	3 25
" Hiram Randall for keeping pauper and labor on road,	3 25
" Ephraim French for labor on road,	1 00
" Daniel Bickford for over tax,	2 26
" Alonzo P. Nichols for plank, services taking care of town house,	4 00
" Darling Kempton for labor on road,	1 75
" D. N. Adams for non-resident highway tax,	1 72
" Levi Heath for coffin for Mrs. Page,	5 00
" Benjamin Colby for making shoes for Richardson family,	3 39
" Warren Simons for plank for road,	1 26
" M. D. Richardson for cutting ice in road,	50
" Sam Colby " " "	50
" Jephthah Russell for labor on road,	5 00
" Joseph Davis, Jr., for cost on Melvin tax and services as clerk in 4th company of Infantry,	9 00

Paid Francis Morrill for labor on road,	3 32
" Samuel Stevens for plank for road,	3 80
" Jonathan B. Smith for breaking out road,	1 25
" William Washburn for services as committee and breaking out road last year,	3 00
" Joseph Johnson for repairing bridges,	2 00
" Daniel S. Perley for boarding hands and oxen,	6 74
" Kneeland Stocker for making and setting guide-boards,	7 00
" Hersey Eastman for repairing water courses,	75
" Joseph M. Robie for labor on turnpike,	4 33
" Wm. Stocker for plank, timber and labor,	6 50
" Jonathan Loverin for assistance on the death of Mrs. Page,	1 00
" Dr. V. Manahan for damage to horse,	5 00
" Timothy Davis for road damage,	1 00
" Eben Blood for repairing bridge,	4 00
" John F. Hardy for work on New London road,	8 00
" " " on Perley road,	10 00
" Benjamin Perley for boarding hands and labor on road,	3 25
" C. H. Melendy for labor on Perley road,	11 87
" C. H. Melendy for damage on account of the road being impassable in 1855,	13 00
" Levi Richardson for over tax,	4 00
" Nathan Trow for non-resident highway tax,	63
" Israel Huntington " "	1 73
" Elihu and Hosea B. Chase for over tax,	6 00
" Asa Chase for over tax,	6 00
" Adams & Richardson for goods for paupers,	39 92
" William E. Melendy for services as Selectman,	35 25
" William D. Colby " " "	22 50
" Otis S. Hazelton " " "	19 25
" Sargent Heath for his services as liquor agent up to Feb. 17, 1857,	20 00
" Philander Loverin for his services as liquor agent up to Feb. 20, 1857,	18 00
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Total amount paid out by Selectmen,	\$4,267 22
Due on Collector's bond for 1856,	192 24
Cash on hand,	144 23
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	\$4,603 69

The Selectmen have received the following sums:

Amount of taxes assessed for the year 1856, including non-resident highway tax and school house taxes in school districts Nos. 3, 4 and 11,	\$3,258 39
Cash on hand, March, 1856,	193 00
“ borrowed of Wm. E. Melendy,	261 00
“ received of Jeremiah Quimby, liquor agent for 1855,	22 79
“ received on collector's bond for 1855,	170 00
“ borrowed of Charles Pilsbury,	250 00
“ received of the county for the support of paupers,	90 26
“ received of Sargent Heath, liquor agent,	198 81
“ received of Philander Loverin, liquor agent,	31 92
“ received of Joseph Davis, Jr., Abram Melvin's tax for 1854,	24 76
“ received of the State Literary fund for 1856,	102 76
Total amount of receipts,	<u>\$4,603 69</u>

The outstanding debts against the town are as follows:

Due on Sophia Colby's note,	\$195 32
“ on Samuel Quimby's note,	2,145 01
“ on Erastus Boice's note,	159 00
“ on Charles Pilsbury's note,	255 00
“ for support of Biley Hardy and wife for 1856,	77 00
“ the Aslum at Concord, for the support of the Russell girl and Asa Chase, 3d,	25 00
“ for the support of the Richardson family,	91 00
“ the town of Canaan, for expenses of Ab-salom Hazelton's family, about	65 00
“ Minister money unpaid,	8 98
Total amount,	<u>\$3,021 31</u>

AMOUNT OF FUNDS ON HAND CONSIDERED AVAILABLE.

Due on Collector's bond for 1856,	\$192 24
" " " 1855,	31 79
" " " 1853,	6 72
" from the town of Croydon, for supporting Susanna Stewart,	35 00
" from the town of Newbury, or the county of Sullivan, for the support of the Richard- son family, for which there is a suit now pending,	265 00
Cash forwarded to the Selectmen of Stewarts- town, which is now in the hands of Cheney & Co., about which there is some contention,	81 41
Cash on hand,	144 23
Amount of liquor on hand in the hands of Sargent Heath, liquor agent,	44 50
" of liquor in the hands of Philander Loverin, liquor agent,	38 50
Total amount,	<u>\$839 39</u>
Total amount of indebtedness,	\$3,021 31
Amount of property on hand,	<u>839 39</u>
Town actually in debt more than debts due,	\$2,181 92
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

WILLIAM E. MELENDY,	} <i>Selectmen of Springfield.</i>
WILLIAM D. COLBY,	
OTIS S. HAZELTON,	

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DISTRICT No. 3

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following Report:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer school taught by Miss Amanda M. Quimby. Miss Quimby ranks with our first class teachers, and is a thorough teacher. While her classes in their several recitations speak highly in her praise.

Winter school taught by Mr. Jas. D. Nutt. The general deportment of this school at the time the committee visited the school, speaks in commendation of the teacher. Some improvement in all the branches.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer school taught by Miss S. Pingree. The scholars that composed this school were principally small. This school appeared well when visited. Committee not notified of the close, consequently did not visit it but once.

Winter term taught by Mr. R. Freeman Sanborn. This school appeared in all respects well, and gave evidence as of the first order and classification. This was not finished when the report was made to the town.

DISTRICT No. 3.

There was but one term in this district, which was taught by Miss Cloe Ann Pillsbury. The general deportment of this school was very good. The several classes in their recitations speak in commendable terms of the teacher, and a good school was the result.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer school taught by Miss Mary C. Colby. In consequence of a delay of the repairs on the school-house, the school did not commence so soon as proposed. Committee not being notified of the commencement or close, consequently did not visit the school.

Fall term taught by Miss Arabella E. Heath. The general deportment of this school was very good, and satisfactory evidence of good improvement in all the branches. Reading was marked with a note of approbation.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer school taught by Miss Addie J. Pierce. This school in many respects was a good school. The general deportment of this school tolerably good. A good improvement in reading and spelling, arithmetic and geography.

Winter school taught by Miss Amanda M. Quimby. This was an excellent school. A good improvement was made in all the branches pursued. The classes in reading and spelling, also in grammar, especially the analyzing of sentences, deserve a mark of approbation.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer school taught by Miss Diantha Abbott. Miss Abbott is one of the first class of teachers, and wants no praising to insure the literary public that they have one among them whose services in the capacity of a school

teacher may be solicited. A good improvement was made in all the branches pursued—reading, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, penmanship and algebra.

Winter term taught by Miss Diantha Abbott. This term of school was in all respects a good school. Without making further comments upon the capabilities of Miss Abbott in the capacity of a school teacher, I boldly say this was a good school, and a good improvement was made in all the branches pursued, viz: reading and spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, penmanship, &c.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer school taught by Miss Nancy A. Potter. This term of school was very short—only five and a half weeks—and it is not to be expected that pupils can gain a moderate education with only about eleven weeks of schooling in one year, without a rigid application to their studies. Miss Potter is a young teacher. The arrangement of her school and her manner of discipline denoted a capacity to teach.

Winter school taught by Mr. J. Lorin Teel. This school was also a short one, only five and a half weeks. In consequence of absence from town, I did not visit this school, but from report a general satisfaction was obtained.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer school taught by Miss Orenda T. Kingsley. The enthusiasm and patience of the teacher secured not only good order, but a decided progress in all the studies pursued. The frequency of recitations secured in a measure the benefits of a longer school.

Fall term taught by Miss Harriet Porter. The ease and stillness with which the whole machinery of the school-room moved, deserved all praise. The arrangement and classification of this school was very well executed. General deportment very good, and from all appearances in the school-

room this must have been a good school, notwithstanding a very bad house for a school. The Committee did not visit this school but once.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer school taught by Miss Susan G. Johnson. The patience and perseverance of the teacher gave a character to this school. The ease and stillness in which the scholars conducted themselves, deserve a marked note. There was a general improvement in all the branches especially in the reading and spelling exercises, also grammar. The general deportment good. Miss Johnson is deserving of a rank with the first class of teachers in common schools.

Winter school taught by Mr. John P. Hunt. This was in all respects a commendable school. Mr. Hunt is a thorough practical teacher; we cannot speak too highly of the qualifications of this teacher in regard to this school. A decided improvement was the characteristic of this school in all branches.

DISTRICT No. 12.

This school was calculated to be in one term of school with a short vacation, and Miss Harriet A. Fowler took charge of the school, but she not proving successful in the undertaking, (it being her first effort to teach school,) was discharged at the middle of the term or nearly, and the services of Miss Plooma M. Davis were secured, who gave good satisfaction. The general deportment good, and a good improvement was the result of this school at the close of the last half of this term of school.

DISTRICT No. 13.

There was but one term of school in this district, which was taught by Orenda T. Kinsley. This was a small school in number. Perhaps there was not that degree of interest in this school on account of small numbers, but the loss was

made up by the exertions of the teacher, which resulted in a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

This term of school was under the care of Mr. R. Freeman Sanborn. Mr. Sanborn is an experienced teacher, thorough in his instructions, systematic in his arrangements. Consequently this was a good school.

Teachers for the past year have been very punctual in making out a full report of the length of their schools, and the average attendance, &c. The principal part of our teachers for the year past have been well qualified to teach, especially in the rudiments of the several branches that have been taught. The idea that a child's progress in its studies is to be measured by the amount of ground gone over, is absurd. A thoroughness in the rudiments of any branch of study is of the greatest importance. Prudential Committees should, in selecting their teachers, be over anxious to select those that have attended a teachers' institute, for I find generally that our best schools are taught by teachers who have attended the teachers' institute.

Some of the school houses in this town that have been built within a few years past, are very good and are pleasantly located, while others exhibit upon the outside an architecture of by-gone days, and upon the inside the art of the urchin is displayed in figures and carvings which would, in the eyes of its beholder, startle the modesty of either sex.— Good school houses are necessarily required for the promotion of the health of the pupils, and unless you have some different modulation from these old pig pen structures, you may expect that your children will discard the school house; but not only that, they may frequent those places which will prove far more detrimental to those tender intellects which have been strengthened by a father's pride and a mother's care. Every school house should be well supplied with large black boards, out-line maps, and a sink and wa-

ter pail, dipper, &c. District No. 1 is in possession of the out-line maps; no other district has them. The amount of money raised by town tax for the support of schools was \$493 95. The amount of literary fund for the year 1856 was \$102 76. The amount contributed in board and fuel to prolong the schools \$294 00; making in all \$890 71 expended for the support of schools the past year.

JOHN C. NICHOLS,

Superintending School Committee of Springfield.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	TEACHERS.	Length of schools in weeks,	Wages per month,	Whole No. of scholars,	Average attendance.	Whole No. of different scholars.	Visits S. S. Committee.	Visits Prud. Committee.	Visits of citizens.
1	Amanda M. Quimby, Jas. D. Nutt,	10 6	13,36 26,60	24 40	22 32	30 41	2 2		12 7
2	Miss S. Pingree, R. Freeman Sanborn,	6 6	13,00 18,00	13 19	12 15	13 20	1 1		12
3	Cloe Ann Pillsbury,	15	13,33	28	19	28	2	1	3
4	Mary C. Colby, Arabell E. Heath,	5 7	14,00 18,00	13 18	10 18	14 19		3	6 16
5	Addie J. Pierce, Amanda M. Quimby,	10 12	9,34 14,00	18 22	16 20	19 21	2 2		7 8
6	Diantha Abbott, Diantha Abbott,	8 10	13,00 16,00	14 19	12 16	14 19	2 2		5 2
8	Nancy A. Potter, J. Lorin Teel,	6 5	12,67 19,00	29 34	27 34	29 37	1		3
9	Harriet Porter, Orenda T. Kinsley,	9 6	19,00 16,00	30 20	27 18	31 21	1		11 10
10	Susan G. Johnson, John P. Hunt,	9 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,00 26,00	34 52	25 32	35 55	2 2		10 12
12	Harriet A. Fowler, Plooma M. Davis,	7 12	12,00 12,00	18 18	13 13	18 18	1 2		3 14
13	Orenda T. Kinsley,	10	12,00	12	9	12	2		11
14	R. Freeman Sanborn,	10	18,00	17	15	17	2		4

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS

No. of District	TEACHERS	Length of schools in weeks	Amount per month	Amount of school	Percentage attendance	Amount of different schools	Amount of Comm. Committee	Amount of different
1	Annals M. Gentry	10	12.32	24.32	30	30	3	13
2	Jac. D. Hunt	6	26.00	40.82	41	41	3	7
3	Miss E. Fingers	6	18.00	18.12	18	18	1	19
4	R. Freeman Sabin	6	18.00	18.12	30	30	1	
5	Chas. Ann Pillsbury	10	12.32	24.32	33	33	3	8
6	Mary C. Colby	5	14.00	18.10	21	21	1	6
7	Abel E. Heath	7	18.00	18.12	19	19	1	13
8	Abel J. Finner	10	9.31	18.10	19	19	3	7
9	Annals M. Gentry	12	14.00	23.20	21	21	3	9
10	Danilla Abbott	8	13.00	18.12	14	14	3	3
11	Danilla Abbott	10	15.00	18.12	19	19	3	3
12	Nancy A. Potter	6	12.87	22.27	20	20	1	3
13	L. Lora Trel	6	19.00	24.31	27	27		
14	Harriet Potter	9	19.00	30.27	21	21	1	11
15	Orinda T. Kinney	6	16.00	20.18	21	21		10
16	Sam G. Johnson	6	14.00	24.22	22	22	3	10
17	John T. Hunt	12	26.00	22.22	22	22	2	12
18	Harriet A. Fowler	7	19.00	18.12	18	18	1	3
19	Thomas M. Davis	12	12.00	18.12	18	18	2	14
20	Orinda T. Kinney	10	12.00	12.12	19	19	3	11
21	R. Freeman Sabin	10	15.00	17.12	17	17	3	4